

2 NINETY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE
3 FIRST SESSION
4 LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 52

5 Introduced by Cunningham, 40; Wehrbein, 2; D. Pederson, 42;
6 Engel, 17; Kremer, 34; Byars, 30; Jensen, 20;
7 Smith, 48

8 WHEREAS, good health is important to every citizen of the
9 world and access to the highest standards of health information and
10 services is necessary to improve public health; and

11 WHEREAS, direct and unobstructed participation in
12 international health cooperation forums and programs is beneficial
13 for the cross-border world, especially with today's greater
14 potential for the cross-border spread of various infectious
15 diseases, such as the human immunodeficiency virus, tuberculosis,
16 and malaria; and

17 WHEREAS, Taiwan's population of 23,500,000 people is
18 larger than that of three-fourths of the member states in the World
19 Health Organization; and

20 WHEREAS, Taiwan's achievements in the field of health are
21 substantial, including one of the highest life expectancy levels in
22 Asia; maternal and infant mortality rates comparable to those of
23 western countries; the eradication of such infectious diseases as
24 cholera, smallpox, the plagues, and polio; and providing hepatitis
25 B vaccinations to children; and

26 WHEREAS, the United States Centers for Disease Control
27 and Prevention and its Taiwan counterpart agencies have enjoyed

1 close collaboration on a wide range of public health issues; and

2 WHEREAS, in recent years, Taiwan has expressed a
3 willingness to assist financially and technically in international
4 aid and health activities supported by the World Health
5 Organization; and

6 WHEREAS, the World Health Organization has allowed
7 observers to participate in the activities of the organization,
8 including the Palestine Liberation Organization in 1974 and the
9 Order of Malta and the Holy See in the early 1950's; and

10 WHEREAS, the United States, in the 1994 Taiwan Policy
11 Review, declared its intention to support Taiwan's participation in
12 appropriate international organization.

13 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE
14 NINETY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION:

15 1. That, in light of all the benefits that Taiwan's
16 participation in the World Health Organization can bring to the
17 state of health not only in Taiwan, but also regionally and
18 globally, the members of the Nebraska Legislature endorse observer
19 status for Taiwan to join the World Health Organization.

20 2. That copies of this resolution be sent to President
21 George W. Bush, Secretary of State Colin Powell, Secretary of
22 Health and Human Services Tommy Thompson, United States Senator
23 Chuck Hagel, United States Senator Ben Nelson, United States
24 Congressman Doug Bereuter, United States Congressman Lee Terry,
25 United States Congressman Tom Osborne, and the Taipei Economic and
26 Cultural Office in Kansas City, Missouri.